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10/670,760	09/25/2003	Robert Smith	26/1207US

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CONFIRMATION NO. 2803

## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 385 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.*
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$450** for a Small Entity

- **\$385** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$65** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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<b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL" (37 CFR 1.10)</b>			Docket No. 26/1207US	
Applicant(s): Smith, et al				
Serial No. 10/670,760	Stamp: JUN 10 2004 Filing Date 09/25/2003	Examiner TBD	Group Art Unit 3727	
Invention: <b>EXPANDABLE LUGGAGE AND EXPANSION MECHANISM</b>				
<p>I hereby certify that the following correspondence:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p><b>Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts, Executed Declaration w/Power of Attorney, Fee Transmittal, Ck# 20833 (\$2,380), Request for Change of Entity Status and Return Receipt Postcard</b></p></div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Identify type of correspondence)</i></p> <p>is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>June 10, 2004</u> <i>(Date)</i></p> <div style="text-align: right;"><p><u>Angela D. Smith</u> <i>(Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence)</i></p><p><u></u> <i>(Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence)</i></p><p><u>ER338061387US</u> <i>("Express Mail" Mailing Label Number)</i></p></div>				
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Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533)(Large Entity)**

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In Re Application Of **Smith et al.**

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Invention: **EXPANDABLE LUGGAGE AND EXPANSION MECHANISM**

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533) mailed on  
12/18/2003  
Date

Enclosed herewith for filing are the following:

- ☒ A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533). **(REQUIRED)**
- ☐ An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.
- ☒ A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.
- ☐ An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.
- ☐ A verified English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
- ☐ Other (list):

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☒ Completion of application fees as calculated below:

☒ Utility application filing fee \$770.00

☐ Design application filing fee \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Total number of independent claims = \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Total number of claims = \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Multiple dependent claims \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Surcharge for late payment of filing fee and/or late filing of original declaration or oath \$130.00

☐ Petition and fee for filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Fee for processing an application filed with a non-English language specification \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Fee for processing and retention of application \_\_\_\_\_

Total completion of application fees \$900.00

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the above-identified Notice to File Missing Parts of Application. The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired). If an additional time extension is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

☐ One month    ☐ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☒ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: February 18, 2004    until: June 18, 2004  
Date    Date

Total time extension fees \$1,480.00

Total fees due \$2,380.00

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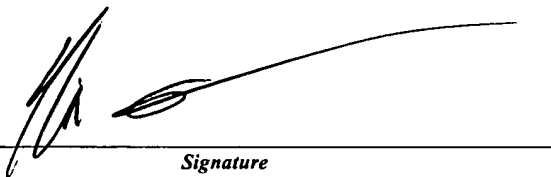
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The fee of **\$2,380.00** is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.
- ☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No.



*Signature*

Dated: **June 10, 2004**

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